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## MAN SENTENCED FOR DEFRAUDING THE FDIC

TAMPA - Today U. S. District Court Judge Elizabeth A. Kovachevich sentenced Allan Feker of Laguna Beach, California, for his role in a conspiracy: (a) to defraud the United States by impairing, impeding, obstructing and defeating the lawful functions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") and (b) to make false statements to the FDIC for the purpose of influencing in any way the action or actions of the FDIC, and to engage in mail fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371.

Feker was sentenced to a prison term of one year and one day, to be followed by two years of supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution of \$98,623.75. The court also entered a \$98,623.75 order of forfeiture against the defendant. The restitution and forfeiture amounts were satisfied prior to sentencing.

In April 2001, Feker and co-defendant Maryann Moore were charged by a federal grand jury sitting in Tampa. According to the allegations in the indictment and statements contained within the filed plea agreements, Feker and Moore, on behalf of Golden Ocala Golf Course Partners ("GOGCP"), submitted three false invoices and bogus supporting documentation in January and February of 1996 to the FDIC for reimbursement of purported costs associated with remediating adverse environmental

conditions at the Golden Ocala Golf Course. The submitted documentation reported that GOGCP paid Allied Construction of North Central Florida, Inc. ("Allied Construction"), \$240,000 for the remediation work. Allied Construction, however, was a fictitious entity that was created at the direction of the defendants. The remediation project was actually completed by three other contractors for a total cost of \$51,376.25.

The investigation leading to the guilty pleas and convictions was conducted by Special Agents with the FDIC, Office of Inspector General. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jay G. Trezevant.